



Henry County, Virginia

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Henry County Monthly Newsletter

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Area residents have three opportunities to help clean up our great community in October. The events are the Smith River Cleanup, the Community Pride Community Wide: Litter Pick-Up, and the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. Please consider participating in one, two, or all three events this month.

Smith River Cleanup

The fall Smith River Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, October 4. Participants are asked to meet at the Fieldale Ballpark at 8 a.m. for instructions, and then head out to help clean up one of this area's most noted attractions - the Smith River.

This event is sponsored by Gateway Streetscape, a nonprofit organization that works tirelessly to help make our area the cleanest and prettiest it can be. This event is held twice a year, yet we still pull tons of garbage and other debris from the Smith River each time. Please consider coming out this Saturday to help. All volunteers will receive a gift, along with free drinks and snacks. The event will conclude about 1 p.m.

Please contact Gateway Streetscape at 3276 634-4674 for more information.

Community Pride Community Wide: Litter Pick-Up

If you know company's coming, then you probably do all you can to make sure the house is clean and neat for the visitors.

That's the same concept behind the "Community Pride Community Wide: Litter Pick-Up" event.

This year's event is scheduled for Friday October 10, and Saturday, October 11. This event is organized by the Community Pride Committee of the Martinsville-Henry County Chamber of Commerce.

The concept behind the community-wide litter pick-up is to make our community cleaner and more presentable for the thousands of outsiders coming to our area the weekend of October 17-19 for the NASCAR Sprint Cup race at Martinsville Speedway. The ultimate result, however, is that we all have a cleaner community in which to live and work.

Friday, October 10 is designated for businesses and organizations to clean up around their facilities and neighborhoods. Saturday, October 11 is designated for civic groups, church groups, and individuals to come together at central locations and clean the entrances and thoroughfares of our community.

The Community Pride Committee is in need of volunteers to participate, either as workers or crew leaders. The necessary supplies, such as garbage bags and gloves, have been graciously donated by the Virginia Department of Transportation and Lester Building Supply.

If you can volunteer, or if you want more information on the weekend, please call the Chamber of Commerce at 276 632-6401.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

The annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day is scheduled for Saturday, October 25. The

event will take place from 9 a.m. to noon, but it will be held at a new location.

Instead of being at the County Administration Building as in the past, this event will now be held at the new Henry County Public Service Authority Shop on Fairystone Park Highway, across from Bassett Office Supply. This facility used to be a part of the Bassett Furniture Industries complex.

The Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day is free and available to all residents of Henry County and Martinsville. No items from businesses or industries will be accepted. The event is sponsored by Blue Ridge Paints and Solvents, EMI Recycling, Gateway Streetscape, Henry County, and the City of Martinsville.

Local residents can use the event to get rid of caustic household items that they cannot deposit in local Convenience Centers. These items may include solvents, paints, fuels (including gasoline, kerosene, diesel fuel, heating oil, boat fuel, and chainsaw fuels), batteries, and computers.

Items that cannot be brought to Household Hazardous Waste Day include smoke detectors, compressed gas cylinders, explosives or shock-sensitive materials, radioactive materials, infectious or biologically active materials, household cleaners, pesticides, drain cleaners, herbicides, fluorescent light bulbs, gas tanks, and oil tanks.

Any items brought after 12 noon will not be accepted.

For more information, contact Henry County's Mike Amos at 634-2503.

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